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SUBJECT: Agency Goals and Objectives – 2025 Biennium

As directed by 17-7-111 MCA, the Montana Arts Council submits the required information to enable the legislature to formulate appropriations and measure the agency's effectiveness. The Montana Arts Council (MAC) offers goals and objectives that center on the principles of the Gianforte Administration, advance the agency's mission, and address the priorities of MAC's recovery response.

Mission Statement:

The Montana Arts Council is the agency of state government established to develop the creative potential of all Montanans, advance education, spur economic vibrancy, and revitalize communities through involvement in the arts.

Goals:

- Equalize Opportunities
- Ensure Access
- Build Connection

Objectives:

- Model Responsive Government
- Increase Ease of Use
- Invest for Impact
- Provide Accessible Resources

Measures:

Progress in advancing these goals will be evident by changes in engagement with key populations, such as:

- Small Businesses
- Members of Native Cultures
- Remote and Isolated Communities
- Statewide Networks
- Regional Networks
- Smaller Organizations
- Nonprofit Organizations with Arts Programming

MAC will be able to capture data using existing tools and documentation. The public should not see any increase in current requirements, and as procedures adapt, MAC will seek to implement efficiencies.

Status of FY23 Goals and Objectives:

MAC has made significant progress in attaining the objectives outlined in 2020. The opportunities presented with federal relief funding allowed MAC to expand its services to assist the businesses contributing to Montana's economic prosperity. MAC's staff provided outstanding service to its residents by efficiently and effectively increasing grants to the field by more than \$2,000,000. I look forward to sharing the outcomes after the close of the biennium.